

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims:

24. A bispecific antibody that targets an ITAM and an ITIM receptor on mast cells or basophils which inhibits the release of TNF- $\alpha$  from mast cells or basophils.
25. The bispecific antibody of claim 24, wherein the ITAM is Fc $\epsilon$ RI and the ITIM is Fc $\epsilon$ RII.
26. The bispecific antibody of claim 24, wherein the inhibition of histamine release is most effective at an antibody concentration ranging from 0.1 to 1  $\mu$ g/ml.
27. A method of inhibiting the release of TNF- $\alpha$  from mast cells comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a bispecific antibody that targets an ITAM and an ITIM receptor on mast cells or basophils.
28. The method of claim 27, wherein the bispecific antibody targets the ITAM Fc $\epsilon$ RI and the ITIM Fc $\epsilon$ RII.--

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